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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. M.A. OMAR, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH,
(KUWAIT INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH), TO NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION, MAY 16-17, 1977.

1. DR. OMAR DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY
KISR IN NSF-SUPPORTED WORKSHOP ON BIO-SALINE RESEARCH
SCHEDULED AT KIAWAH, S.C., SEPT. 16-18, 1977. NSF WORKSHOP
BEING ORGANIZED BY DR. A. SAN PIETRO UNDER GRANT TO
INDIANA UNIVERSITY. SAN PIETRO VISITED KISR AND KUWAIT EMB
IN MARCH 1,77 WITH NSF STAFF G.B. DEVEY AND O. ZABORSKY.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS AT NSF OMAR SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY
THAT KISR WOULD CONTRIBUTE \$10,000 AND BECOME A CO-SPONSOR
OF THE BIO-SALINE WORKSHOP AND ASKED NSF TO INDICATE WHICH
ELEMENTS OF WORKSHOP BUDGET MIGHT BE COVERED BY KISR. NSF
SUGGESTS KISR FUNDS BE USED FOR TRAVEL AND WORKSHOP
EXPENSES FOR ABOUT 20 ACTIVE BIO-SALINE RESEARCHERS AND
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PROGRAM DIRECTORS.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF WORKSHOP BY NSF INTENDED IN JUNE
TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES MAKE
PLANS. DECISION KISR PARTICIPATION THEREFORE NEEDED
URGENTLY IF ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO INCLUDE KISR AS CO-SPONSOR

WITH NSF.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM KISR VIA EMB AND DEPARTMENT TO NSF AND THEN TO GRANTEE INSTITUTION BELIEVED TO REQUIRE MORE TIME THAN AVAILABLE. NSF SUGGESTS KISR ARRANGE TRANSFER FUNDS TO ACCOUNT IN KUWAIT EMB WASHINGTON FOR DISBURSEMENT. NSF AND WORKSHOP DIRECTOR THEN WOULD WORK DIRECTLY WITH KUWAIT EMB WASHINGTON AND APPLY FUNDS TO INTENDED PURPOSE.

5. REQUEST EMB CONTACT OMAR AND INFORM DEPARTMENT IF KISR PLANS CO-SPONSOR WORKSHOP WITH NSF AND WHETHER PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IS ACCEPTABLE. VANCE

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